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1. The harbor area of Reni (N 45-26, E 28-16) was to be two and one-half kilometers in length along the Danube, and 300-400 m wide. The harbor area was surrounded by a wall, two m high, which extended to the tank storage area, the latter being isolated by a palisade.
2. A building, a workshop, guarded the exit of the harbor area on the side nearest the town. Everybody who came and went from the area had to pass through its passageway, guarded by two naval sentries armed with pistols. They had a telephone at their post.
3. A ship coming into port would hoist a yellow flag. Whistle signals provided communication with the port authorities; the harbor signalman indicated the anchorage with a red flag. Upon anchoring, the ship would be inspected by a party consisting of from four to six soldiers, one or two of the port authorities, one finance official, one representative from INFLOT, either in a naval uniform or civilian clothes, and two doctors. Four laborers, carrying electric lamps and small iron pokers, accompanied such parties and searched the cabins and holds while the personal and passport inspections were conducted in the wheel house. Although exhaustive, the inspections were not calculated to antagonize.

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5. The Port Administration building housed the representative of INFLOT. Other buildings included three warehouses, each approximately 120 m long, 20 m wide, and six m high. One was open and empty in 1952; the other two were closed, with sliding doors, and were repositories for crated goods. A grain silo, in use in 1952, was 50 m long, 30 m wide, and ten stories high; on its roof was an armed watchtower. Four of the 16 tanks in the tank farm, surrounded by a wooden plank fence, were 12-14 m high and ten m in diameter, with a capacity of 550 metric tons. The remaining tanks were of the same height, but only seven to eight m in diameter. Three smaller buildings in the area contained pumping installations.
6. Four electric cranes, each with a lifting capacity of four tons, were installed on rails. Another smaller one was constructed in the same way; there was also a floating crane. A tractor was available when needed, as were two machines for loading iron ore.
7. In 1952 the following goods were unloaded: bauxite from Hungary; petroleum and gasoline from Rumania, and Hungary; and grain. Iron ore was loaded at Reni for Hungary and Czechoslovakia, and grain was shipped to Czechoslovakia. The Soviet Danube State Steamship Company (SDGP), Sovromtransport (SRT), the Hungarian and Soviet Transport Company (Meszhart—M. SZ. H. T.), handled the iron ore shipments to Czechoslovakia and Hungary; SRT and the Czechoslovak Danube Navigation Company (CSPD) transported grain to Czechoslovakia; SDGP, Meszhart, SRT, and DDSG shipped bauxite from Hungary. Petroleum was imported from Hungary, and Rumania by SDGP. SRT, DDSG, and Meszhart also handled the shipments.
8. Reni had in 1952 a population of approximately 10,000, mostly Rumanians and Russians. There was a large proportion of Jews, many of whom spoke good German. Many of the adult males wore uniforms, predominantly naval. Soldiers wore green, black, and blue patches; they were billeted in private houses. The latter, usually one- or two-storied, were of brick, stone, or stucco with tiled or thatched roofs. The main streets were cobbled. Groceries and textiles were freely obtainable in the town.
1. Comment. The word "motorin" was used in connection with the gasoline. It is believed that automobile gasoline is meant.

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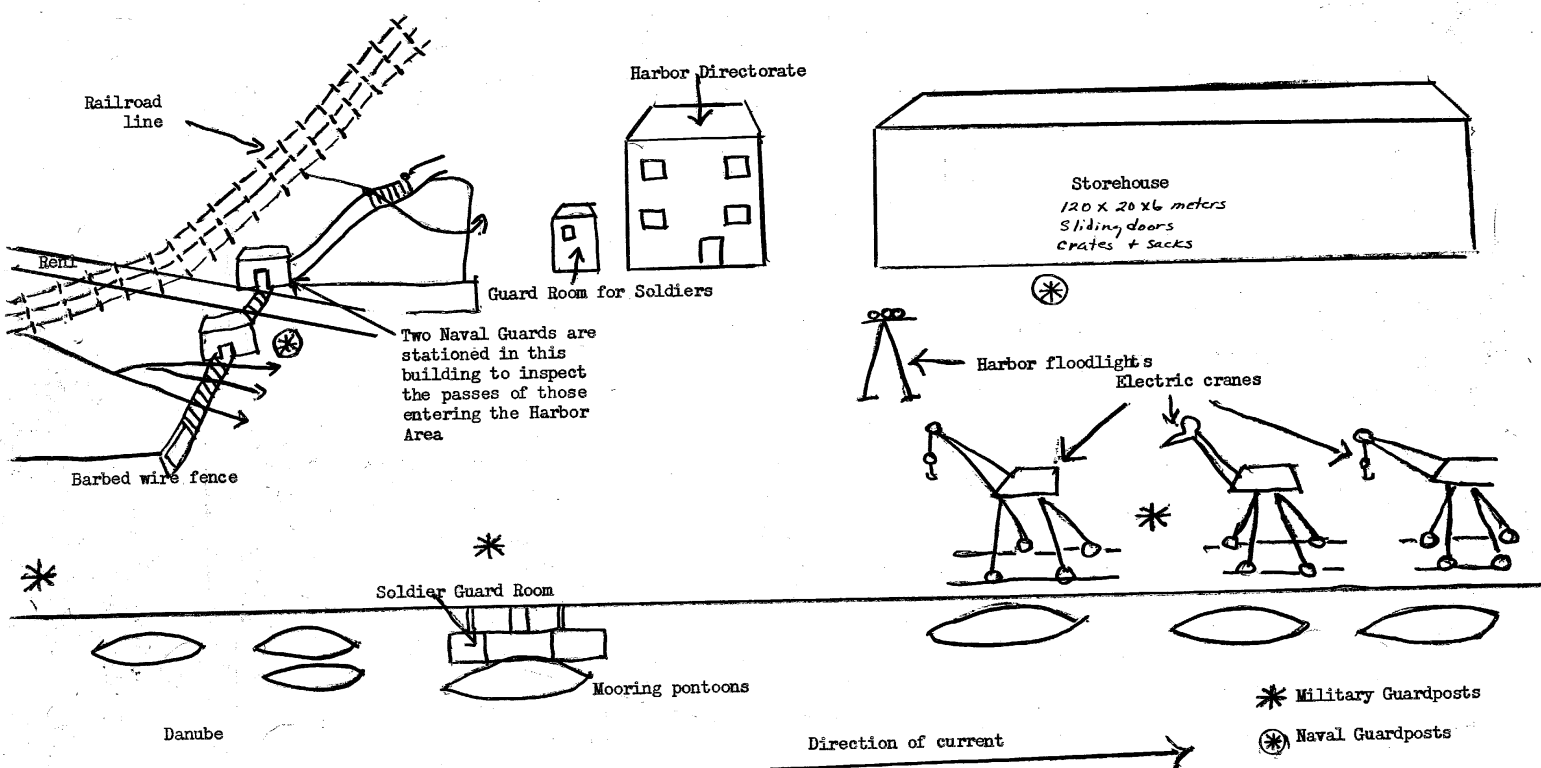
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Reni Harbor Installations



Reni Harbor Installations

Storehouse 120 x 20 x 6 meters
Sliding doors
Grates + sacks

Grain silo

Armed watchtower

Storehouse 120 x 20 x 6 m.
Open, empty

Grain Elevator

Electric crane
(mobile tractor-type)

Iron ore loading machine

Floating steam crane

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* Military Guardposts

Reni Harbor Installations

